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SUBJECT: BRIEFING MEMORANDUM -- REVISION OF GREECE-TURKEY-
CYPRUS SECTION OF CSCE BILATERAL PAPERS

FOR HARTMAN AND CLIFT (NSC)

1. THERE FOLLOWS A REVISED SECTION ON GREECE, TURKEY AND
CYPRUS TO BE INSERTED AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE IN BILATERAL
BRIEFING PAPERS INTENDED FOR USE BY THE PRESIDENT AND/OR
THE SECRETARY WITH WESTERN EUROPEAN LEADERS AT HELSINKI;

"CONGRESSIONAL FAILURE TO LIFT THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST
TURKEY LESSENS CHANCES FOR FORWARD MOVEMENT ON ANY OF THE
OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. THE REAL
LOSERS WILL BE THE PEOPLE OF CYPRUS, TURKEY, AND GREECE.
THE US NOW FACES THE PROSPECTS OF A LONG AND DIFFICULT BASE
NEGOTIATION WITH TURKEY, AND TURKEY IN TURN WILL ALMOST
CERTAINLY BEGIN RE-EVALUATING ITS CLOSE TIES WITH THE WEST.
THE CYPRUS INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WILL RESUME IN VIENNA ON
JULY 31, BUT PROGRESS COULD NOW BE EVEN MORE DIFFICULT.

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"TALKING POINTS

-- HHE US WILL CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO CONVINCE CONGRESS
TO LIFT THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY.

-- TURKEY WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE APPROACHING ITS WESTERN EUROPEAN ALLIES IN THE WEEKS AHEAD FOR SUBSTANTIAL MILITARY ASSISTANCE. WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT TURKEY SUCCEED IN THESE EFFORTS, AND THAT IT IS ENCOURAGED TO REMAIN CLOSELY ALIGNED WITH THE WEST. EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO KEEP TURKEY WITHIN NATO.

-- OUR ABILITY TO INFLUENCE TURKEY TO SHOW FLEXIBILITY ON CYPRUS IS GREATLY DIMINISHED AS A RESULT OF LAST WEEK'S CONGRESSIONAL ACTION. NONETHELESS, WE BELIEVE THAT EARLY PROGRESS ON CYPRUS IS ESSENTIAL, AND THAT THE PRESENT NEGOTIATING FORUM IN VIENNA SHOULD BE PRESERVED AS IT IS THE BEST VEHICLE FOR MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS SUPPORT THE VIENNA TALKS, AND RESIST EFFORTS TO "INTERNATIONALIZE" THE CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS.

-- GREEK-TURKISH EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THEIR BILATERAL DIFFERENCES IN THE AEGEAN ALSO DESERVE EUROPEAN ENCOURAGEMENT.

-- WE APPRECIATE THE STEPS TAKEN TO SUPPORT THE NEW DEMOCRATIC GREEK GOVERNMENT AND MAKE IT FEEL WELCOME IN THE COMMUNITY OF WESTERN EUROPE.

-- IN THE MONTHS AHEAD OUR COMMON OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE TO ENCOURAGE GREECE TO RESUME ITS FULL ROLE IN NATO."

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